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ED IN STATES!

Ed Fischer, '34, is rolling across midwestern plains, bound for Camp Atterbury, a release from active duty, and the solid comforts at home on the northwest side of Rensselaer.

All this means that Ed's trusty St. Joe typewriter will start clacking around the first of April. The army will lose an apt writer of China-Burma-India history—his last duty overseas—and Collegeville will regain an ace newspaperman, journalism professor, and alumni editor.

Ed packed off to the army Oct. 5, 1942, as a volunteer officer candidate. He was commissioned the following May at Fort Benning, Ga., and was assigned to writing textbooks for army infantrymen. Then he went to Kansas for a course in animal pack transportation.

The man with a keen knowledge of thoroughbreds soon learned that a mule had a soul, had to be loved and confided in, just like horses and humans.

In the space of four hours in Kansas Ed Fischer had to meet the three greatest crises of his life. He heard of the sudden death of Father Paul Speckbaugh, his intimate friend; he said goodbye to Mary, his wife; then he set out for the war zones.

Last Feb. 4 Ed left New Delhi by plane. He sailed from Calcutta Feb. 12, just as insurrections began. Feb. 17 saw him pause briefly in Manila. Mrs. Fischer answered the phone Mar. 8. It was Ed on the other end—in San Francisco.

Ed called from Salt Lake City March 11. He was slowly worming eastward, on a troop train, in charge of a detachment of 250 men. "Atterbury March 14 with luck. Rensselaer March 16 or 17." Mrs. Fischer had her house in order.

Happily CONTACT welcomes home its founding father, a down-

to-earth newspaperman-philosopher and student of life, a fellow who believes in miracles, and who knows that miracles of written words take a lifetime to fashion, and run in the thousands.

If You Hit Auburn, Be Sure to Stop!

Classmates or any others who appreciate hospitality are invited to Immaculate Conception rectory, 348 West Fourth St., Auburn, Ind. Father Thomas Durkin, '30, is pastor there for the past two months. He writes:

Greetings from Auburn (twenty-two miles north of Ft. Wayne), and welcome here any time.

Father Durkin had been curate at St. Peter's, Ft. Wayne.

Klein Reopens Practice

Eugene G. Klein, D.D.S., '23, who was an officer in the Navy, has returned to his dental practice at 2256 Lawrence Ave., Chicago.



Newsman Ed Fischer at Work. (See first column.)

Old-Timer Turns Back Clock To Collegeville of 1914-17

"Say friend, do you remember the 1914 Oratory Contest? You know they held it in the bandstand that year."

"Yes! And there was the old gym fire, and the Dutch-Irish baseball games on St. Patrick's Day."

"But whatever became of Lefty Jim Dalton of East Chicago, Ind., a famous pitcher of those days? And have you ever heard from Joe McLaughlin, the football bruiser?"

Two old St. Joe men had put their heads together and CONTACT sat close by, ears wide ajar. They were Father A. B. Paluszak, '15, of the faculty, and Carl Neuer, '17, of 1253 Cherry St., Huntington, Ind., who visited the campus March 12.

That was Mr. Neuer, of the Neuer Supply Co., if you please.

Only Carl didn't want to talk about his soaps, chemicals, and sanitary supplies.

Carl travels extensively, frequently runs into other old St. Joe men. A few had escaped him. "Remember how John McGahey could play the violin, and what a slick orator Bob Laughrey used to be?"

"I see Al Moeder, '10, now and then. He's superintendent of the Mercer County Home, at Celina, Ohio."

Calling Doctor Hurley!

Came March 4, and Albert M. Hurley, B.S., '42, added M.D. to his signature. He was graduated from the Marquette University School of Medicine, Milwaukee. Al majored in biology at St. Joe. He is from Saginaw, Mich.



Father Norman Koller, '32

STARTS PARISH FROM SCRATCH

Dynamic little Father Koller—the priest who as dean between 1941 and 1945, used to mete out justice to St. Joe men and make them like it—has done it again.

Early in January of 1945, with the college enrollment behaving well and down to a trickle, Father Koller, '32, went to Youngstown, Ohio, with orders to found new St. Augustine's parish for negroes.

With the aid of Father Carl Longanbach, '28, he pitched in. The treasury of the church was filled with high hopes and energy, but little else. In a day when all items were scarce, Father Koller scoured

Youngstown's resale stores and scrap yards. He even borrowed a collection basket, and still has the first dime ever dumped in.

In February the new parish was a year old. There was a royal program in the church hall, during which Bishop James A. McFadden paid tribute to Father Koller and his parishioners. In one year his parish has increased thirty per cent.

Father Koller's boxing team won three Golden Gloves championships. He also inaugurated a basketball squad and a choir. Business is picking up, and so are instruction classes.



Chem Column

By Father Al Wuest

You will all recognize the accompanying picture as one of the Organic Chem lab, with many of you shown thereon. You men have gone and things have changed since then, especially in the way of a complete set of reagents, and more equipment for individual and general usage.

I strongly urge you, upon your next visit, to view the lab as it is now, and hear our plans for the future. As you know, we also use this lab for biochemistry, having equipped a dozen desks in the past few years. The course is of high caliber and seems to make good on all its aims.

In Stuff you probably noticed that our Albertus Magnus Society has been reorganized. We have great things in mind and are laying a good foundation through current activities.

Questionnaires are still coming. Andy Stodola promised to visit the campus soon after his army release. Don Kremp is using his University of Connecticut electrical engineering courses to good advantage in the army. Will have more about his plans later.

Jack Feck is out of the air corps and happily married. He doubles as chemist and

salesman for Feck Oil Corp. He and the new Missus should pop in soon.

Oh yes, Joe and Ruth Hanley are now the very proud parents of Carolyn Jean, born Feb. 27.

Watch for Feicht In Newsreels

Had John Feicht, '43, been wearing a red hat that afternoon at LaGuardia airport when Cardinal Spellman returned from Rome, there probably would have been some confusion for newsreel photographers.

John was strategically located in the midst of the welcoming ceremonies. Watch for "The Return of Cardinal Spellman," starring John Feicht!

John Wetzal, who left St. Joe May 23, 1943, for the armed service, has returned to his home in Minster, Ohio.

CHEMISTS OF YESTERYEAR. Front row (l. to r.): Farrell, Hannell, Helm. Middle row: Causland, Burchard, Cole, Cannon, Fagan, Cashman. Back row: Benchik, Blackwell, Browning.

Manages State Store Wins Commendation

Manager of the State Liquor Store, 84 E. High St., Lima, Ohio, is the title of John C. Cashman, '32. Formerly of Marion, Ind., Jack's home is now at 515 W. Wayne St., Lima. His family moved there in 1941.

Jack spent fifty-two months in the Army, twelve of these overseas. Previous to this he was an employe of the Kriley Brewing Co. of Marion.

The Navy Commendation Ribbon was conferred on Donald Molony, Jan. 23, at Coast Guard headquarters, N. Y. Don, who spent one year in the St. Joe Academy, received this award for his heroism in the Empire State Building disaster last July 28. He bought medical supplies at a drug store and ran up seventy-nine floors to administer first aid to the victims.

FATHER ALBIN SCHEIDLER

Sorrowful Mother Shrine
R. R. 2
Bellevue, Ohio

Dear Editor,

May I request that you remember in prayer my Rev. Brother George? He is quite sick again, and it seems the doctors cannot help him. You will probably recall that he suffered a light stroke about two years ago. He improved, but the effects of this cerebral trouble are coming back.

I'm enclosing a snapshot of my loyal pal, Father Herbert Linenberger, C.P.P.S., '29, who has been on the job with me here during the past two summers, giving the Shrine a big lift. A very capable man, he will finish at Catholic University this year.

Very sincerely,
Albin J. Scheidler, C.P.P.S.,
'05

SMITH, BILL

Army Med. Dept. School
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas

Dear Editor,

It is warm and busy here. I have been made custodian of the book department fund, postal officer for the school, and library officer.

The people are nice. However, the town is so full of soldiers that the down-town district is crowded. What with the several thousand soldiers at Sam Houston and all the returnees, San Antonio is the most congested city I've seen yet. In the papers I've noticed several ads for apartments wanted—\$100.00 rewards offered.

We are expecting a class of 250 doctors April 12. I look for Bob Farrell and several other St. Joe men to be among them.

I will be indebted to you if you let me know the price of the school ring, the type of stone available, and how to go about procuring one.

Sincerely,
Lieut. Wm. Smith, '43

DIERUF

Feb. 13, 1946

Dear Editor,

In the last issue of Stuff I noticed that a lot of the fellows are back at St. Joe. Tell anyone that I know that I hope to get back for a visit soon, that is, if I ever get out of service. Last month I got as far as the separation. In a few hours I would have been on my way to Louisville; then a TWX came in to freeze us again.

A finance officer, I'm considered essential during this period of discharges. I've been at Westover Field, Mass., for about two months. In a few days I will transfer to Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C. Since I have been moving about so much these last few months I left Del and Janis in Louisville.

Janis is now nine months old. When I think back to college it is hard to realize that I have been in service almost four years and have been married over three.

Sincerely,
Lieut. Wm. C. Dieruf, '42

MERMIS

5836 Lexington Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Editor,

My headquarters are now in Los Angeles as a civilian after a tour of duty of four years and five months. At present I'm home on terminal leave after being separated from the Navy Jan. 22.

I plan to return to school in the fall at UCLA to work for my M.A. in business administration. My work in the Navy as a supply corps officer should prove valuable to me in future; if not, at least it was interesting.

I would appreciate Jerry Held's address.

Sincerely,
Al Mermis, '41

HODOUS

145 E. 213 St.
Euclid 19, Ohio

Dear Editor,

Some months ago I returned from Europe and became a civilian again. Then, as you already know, I was married. As yet we have not settled down definitely in Cleveland. We have many things planned, but all these depend upon the progress of reconversion.

Our plans include a trip to the college. I am most anxious to return so that I can visit old friends and recapture memories of pleasant years.

At present I am working in Cleveland with the veterans administration. Here I am a registration officer. The work is pleasant and highly interesting. I am processing and advising veterans under the G. I. Bill of Rights. I am working on their eligibility for schooling and awarding them subsistence. You can see that I am still in the teaching field.

I hope that through CONTACT the class of '40 can be brought together for a reunion. It has been some time since I have heard from any of them. In the matter of a reunion I believe that Jack Morrison would be the best person to call the group together, since he has been in continual contact with most of the class. I also hope that the opinion of the others in the class can be obtained.

Sincerely,
Francis E. Hodous, '40

C O N T A C T

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Campus Visitors

JOHN FEICHT, '43

Back to Collegeville for a fond look-see at the campus Feb. 13 was John Feicht, following twenty-five months in the Pacific area with the army infantry.

John entered service at Camp Walters, Texas, in May, 1943. He left the States the following December. In New Caledonia he met Jim Brinkoetter, '41, and Father Henry Barge, '29, former St. Joe professor. In Manila it was Dick Trost, '43. John couldn't find any Japanese around Nagoya who had ever seen a Puma in a football suit.

The former Stuff writer was attached to the South Pacific Base Command, doing clerking duties. Temporary headquarters are 1433 18th Street, N.W., Canton 3, Ohio. He was released Jan. 23.

BOB De SHON, '43

Army Infantry Lieutenant Bob De Shon turned up at St. Joseph's Feb. 13. Having entered the ranks in May, 1943, he was commissioned last March and assigned to instructor duty at Camp Fannin, Texas.

In his hip pocket were orders to Camp Chaffee, Ark., where he reported Feb. 17. Bob will assist in the separation of army personnel. He expects to get his own release in three or four months, and has his eye on a college accounting workbook for next fall.

GEORGE LAUBACHER, '43

Right behind Feicht and De Shon Feb. 13 was George Laubacher, 426 McGregor Ave., N.W., Canton 3, Ohio. George had caught up with the army in June, 1943. He served with the Engineers in England, France and Belgium.

George expects to resume his pre-engineering program sometime in the future.

BERNIE HOFFMAN, '43

Bernie tapped on the door of the hall of fame one memorable winter evening when he racked off thirty-six basketball points against Valparaiso—back in early 1942.

The year 1943 was a year of graduations for Hoffman. He left St. Joe with a sheepskin in May. In September he put on the naval ensign's stripe at the Notre Dame midshipman school.

Bernie stopped in Feb. 21.

RAY MICHALEWICZ, '39

Pausing briefly at St. Joseph's while en route to the Lafayette tournament March 9 with Yocis and Duax, was Ray Michalewicz, 1835 Clay St., Hammond, Ind. Ray is still going strong with Lasalle Steel Corp.

CLINT FIRESTONE, '40

One of the first St. Joe men to enter service in the World War II period, Clint Firestone came back Feb. 24 to talk things over.

He entered the army air corps in 1940 and became a group commander of B-17's flying from an English base. On his fourth trip he was shot down and imprisoned near Rostock. A year later the Russian advance freed him.

Married and the father of a boy and girl, Clint will work for the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., out of South Bend headquarters. He was released last fall.

FRED KRIETER, '31

CONTACT rejoices when some of the "older timers" pry loose from their busy affairs and visit the campus, as did Fred Krieter, 602 East South St., Crown Point, Ind., Feb. 27.

What was even better, he brought Mrs. Krieter along. Their two children, Donald and Dolores, couldn't add to the excursion because they had to go to school.

Fred works at Carnegie Steel in Gary. He's a basketball fan who will make a date with the St. Joe Pumas next winter.

JAMES DOBE, '44

The first day of March featured a visit from a lad who helped end the war as a rifleman with the First Army's 28th Infantry Division. Jim Dobe entered the army in August, 1944, and headed for France the following February.

Out of the country ten months, Jim has just reported to the rail transportation department, at Camp Skokie Valley, near Glenview, Ill. That puts him mighty close to 4824 North Claremont Ave., Chicago 25, Ill., which is the home stand.

GERRY McCARTHY, '43

Feb. 24 was the golden day for McCARTHY, Gerald. The army pinned upon him the symbol of release, and another St. Joe soldier became Gerry McCarthy, civilian. He swung down from Chicago March 8.

Gerry left the campus in the spring of 1943 to become a radar technician for the army. With eighteen months on Saipan, he became one of the senior members of that alumni chapter, together with Joe Vurpillat, Singletary, and Bandjough.

Finishing his college program is a part of Gerry's immediate "do" list. (8247 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.)

RAY JURICICH, '41

Ray entered the army in July, 1941, and became an infantry instructor at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, as an enlisted man. In September, 1942, he was commissioned second lieutenant, and assigned to the 84th division of the ninth army.

Two years later he headed overseas as plans and operations officer for the division. Later, in combat, he became executive officer. He saw the Bulge with the first army; he crossed the Ruhr and Rhine with the ninth. He praised Simpson as a general.

Ray made major last May. Two months later he became the division's athletic officer. He came home with the combat infantry badge and bronze star.

On the peaceful side, Ray married Miss Marian Griffin, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on June 24, 1944. Until he gets settled, 839 North 7th Ave., Canton, Ill., will be headquarters.

JERRY YOCIS, '40

With nearly five years in the army, Capt. Jerry Yocis is almost completely recovered from wounds received in Europe in December, 1944. Stationed at Jones Convalescent Hospital, Fort Custer, Mich., he took in Collegeville March 9.

Jerry reports that little Margaret Ann is two years old, and that she and her mother are at home in Cincinnati.

MARK FECHER, '40

On his way to attend a Chicago surgeon's meeting, Mark Fecher visited his brother, Con, and others Feb. 22. He is the son of Con Fecher, Sr., '15.

Mark is still in the army, interning at Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. He was married to Miss Lorraine Sebek last Sept. 29 in St. Louis, Mo.

BOB DUAX, '41

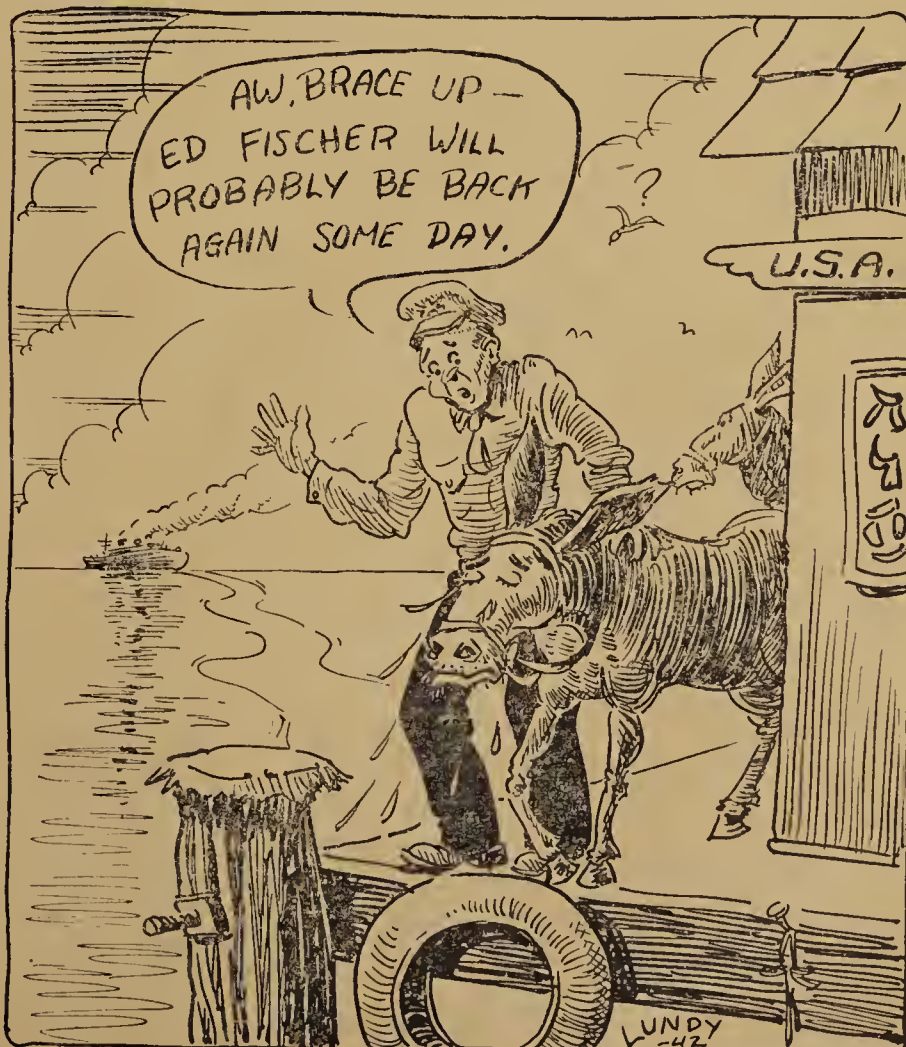
Except for a nineteen-month tour with the army, Bob Duax has been coaching for five years at Hammond C.C. high school. His warriors ended an eleven-game win streak for the St. Joe Academy Cubs this season. Later the Cubs avenged the defeat 35 to 26 in the fieldhouse.

Bob dropped in March 9 with news of the birth of Thomas Patrick Duax, Feb. 28, the fourth offspring of Bob and Betty. Home address: 1540 Hoffman St., Hammond, Ind.

LOU YUGOVICH, '43

Back to rehash old times with Coach Curly Wisniewski March 3 was "Larrupin' Lou," formerly of Keewatin, Minn., now of the Navy's physical ed instructor forces since July, 1943.

Lou expects to be wearing the golden eagle later in the spring, and will take a coaching and teaching position after his release. Current address: Physical Rehabilitation Office, Building 80, U.S.N.H., Great Lakes, Ill.



Here Are Long-Hidden Facts Concerning the Lads of '26

We opened the top drawer of a musty cabinet, and out fell a yellowed copy of *The Cheer*. It was the June 1926 edition. The temptation to leaf through the tattered pages was irresistible. That '26 bunch must have been a great one. For instance, their motto was, "Never do today what can be put off until tomorrow."

Those '26 days in Collegeville were duzies. The guys turned out an undefeated basketball team that year. The Palace theater ran an ad boosting Douglas McClean in "That's My Baby," plus an Andy Gump comedy. An editorial marvelled that Chicago should be chosen for the Eucharistic Congress.

The Last Will and Testament of the class that year was a gem. Everybody seemed to have left everything to everybody. At least Joseph Bechtold got rid of his vocal abilities, his monopoly on the mail, and his senatorial toga.

And then there was Anthony Schilling, who passed on to some eager junior his knowledge of Greek and high finance, not to mention his prowess as chief hash-slinger and expert tennis player.

Just to keep St. Joe going another year, Harry Estdadt contributed his splendid physique and comeliness, plus his stock in the candy corporation and his rank as a hand-shaker.

Albert Scheiber donated his loquacious disposition. On top of that he parted with his ability at bridge and his knowledge of radio engineering. (It says in *The Cheer*!)

Francis Schwendeman gave his dramatic instinct, his proficiency in apologetics, and his level-mindedness.

Cornelius Dobmeyer bequeathed a straight-edged razor, his array of fleet ponies, and the laurels those ponies have won.

Alphonse Siefker was relieved of all his old Saturday Evening Posts, his work-dodging ability, and his activity in sporting circles.

Frank Achberger palmed off his skill as a basketball referee, his rule-abiding tendency, and his crown as king of the Big Ten. (Whazzat Mean??)

Desmond Moore handed over his journalistic attributes, his pitching skill, and his mounting-photographs hobby.

Gerard Urich kissed goodbye his innate quality of administering a violin anesthetic to Collegeville rodents; also his fouling strategy on the hardwood, and his bag of tricks.

Norbert Stechschulte transmitted his vast erudition in Latin and Greek, his wise cracks, and his sports sheets.

Old Jimmy McIntyre, the lovable one-armed St. Joe night watchman of a few years ago, was appointed executor without bond. The pages of *The Cheer* started turning idly. There were more bequests.

Gabriel Brenkus willed his job

as choir director, his lead in seniority, his sprightliness, and an assorted tenor and baritone voice.

Robert Baird hated to transfer his position of lawn-master, and hand down his cornet solos and his chest.

George Kraft really took a beating. He left behind his picture, his Greek knowledge, a tennis racket, a dialect (New York style) and some dramatic ability.

Theodore Rath turned over his golden hair, his athletic prowess, his jerk (whazzat??) and sanguine disposition.

Anthony Walz used to delight in smoking and doing tricks with a deck of pasteboards. On the third floor he was a mean book-slinger. He had influence in the Candy Store, and had as fine a stable of ponies as Collegeville had ever seen. All this he gave when he left. Greater love. . .

Ambrose Newton lost his super-abundant hair, his tenor voice, his slender form, his finesse with pipe and card deck, and, heavens to Betsy, his seat at the Palace theater!

Eugene Luckey had some surplus tobacco, so the story goes. This he willingly forked over, along with his pitching abilities and dramatic instinct.

Albert Wuest passed on to his kid brother all those packages from home. Others received his craving for bran and brown bread, a window pole, pneumatic shoes, and a good raking.

In the inventory of Max Herber is found an appetite and captaincy

Former Chaplain Starts Parish

First pastor of St. Michael's, a new parish just north of the Columbus, Ohio, city limits, Father John P. Byrne, '25, took residence Feb. 3. Within the parish jurisdiction are the villages of Worthington, Riverlea, and two additions known as Colonial Hills and Hills and Dales.

Father Byrne's last appointment was that of chaplain of the federal reformatory at Chillicothe.

Charley Klapheke Back at Seagram's

That Bachelor of Science degree Charley Klapheke won at St. Joe Feb. 1, 1943, was a ticket of admission to Seagram's Distillery, Louisville, after graduation. Then he went off to the war. Returning, he requested a transcript of credits, required at Seagram's, where he is again employed.

Charley is at home at 3605 St. Germaine St., Louisville 7.

of the board-wielders, a few best regards, a smile and a solemn nose.

Max Diller, alias Jumbo, (The book said!) opined that he wouldn't be needing a radio, scientific knowledge, a pair of pincers, and a step ladder. Also he could spare his trunk, some humor, and a Sears razor.

Cletus Dirksen dealt out his good baritone, his knockout punch, his early-rising habit, and his renowned pose and attention in Greek class.

Martin B. Adelman let loose of his orchard supervisory duties, his musical abilities, Robert's Rules of Order, a hymn book and a penchant for nocturnal snoring.

Joseph Biegler deliberately didn't take home his Lake Shore pass, his manly beard, a bar of Sayman's soap, and a Montgomery catalog.

Johnny Doughboy Finds an Irish Rose--They're Home in Akron

One Johnny doughboy who found an Irish rose is John E. Fischer, '41, of 309 Grove St., Akron, Ohio. Her name was Patricia Murphy. She was born in Belfast, but she came to the United States in 1923, settling in Boston. They were married April 15, 1944, in Washington, D. C.

John, who majored in accounting at St. Joe, entered the service immediately after graduation. After fifty-two months of military duty, he is back in civilian life since last Oct. 23. Leaving for overseas Aug. 10, 1944, he was attached to the 1st Army in Belgium.

From October to Jan. 31, John worked in the audit section for the Penn Central Airlines, Washington, D. C. Then he returned to his home in Akron.

Biggest day in the Fischers'

life since their marriage was April 19, 1945, when Diane Mary came to live with them. Eleven months old now, she has curly hair and tips the scale at a bit over twenty pounds.

"Could you give me some news about my roommate, William G. Tichenor of Calhoun, Ky. I would surely appreciate it. My wife and I hope to pay you a visit some day."

(I regret that we have no word from Bill. Ed.)



PUMA PRINTS

Dick Scharf's Academy Cubs wound up a good season of basketball. Their season features an eleven-game win streak, the Kankakee Valley Tournament championship, and eighteen wins out of twenty-three.

The sectional tourney at Morocco saw the Cubs go down in the second round. In the first game they were extended to eliminate Remington, 42 to 34.

That evening Morocco, on their own floor and fresh, edged St. Joe in the closing seconds, 37 to 35.

Rensselaer high school swept the tourney with ease. Laporte knocked off RHS in the opening bout of the regional at Hammond.

The Cub reserves had another undefeated season. Last year they wound up with fifteen straight victories. This year, with fifteen more games played and won, they boast a thirty-game win streak.

Father Roof, the athletic director, has been attending a conference or two. In the near future the college grid schedule should be completed.

Put Away Uniforms, Don Cassock Again

Rising to the rank of major as an army chaplain, Father Joseph A. Lenk, '33, will remain in the service. He was at home on leave, visiting his father and brother in Ft. Wayne recently.

From his ordination, June 3, 1939, Father Lenk was assistant at St. Lawrence parish, Muncie, until he entered chaplain school in May, 1943. Assigned to the 91st Infantry, he sailed for overseas in Feb., 1944. He saw action in North Africa, Italy, and served with the army of occupation in Venezia Giulia. Last September he returned to the United States.

Father Timothy Doody, '36, who served as an army chaplain since April, 1944, has been discharged. He returns to his former assignment, assistant to Father Leo Pursley, '21, St. John the Baptist parish, Ft. Wayne.

Leaving Our Lady of Hungary parish, South Bend, already Oct. 25, 1942, Father Ignatius C. Vichuras, '32, has also been discharged from chaplain duties in the army.